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General Information

A Special Event is a temporary use in all zoning districts which:

1. Is intended for purposes of entertainment, education, commercial promotion, or cultural, religious, ethnic, or political expression.
2. Is conducted on public or private property on a site or in an area which may not be specifically zoned, authorized, or otherwise approved for such use on a permanent basis.
3. Is carried on in a temporary structure, or outside.
4. May occur in conjunction with an existing permitted use or as a separate activity.
5. Includes parades, sporting events, circuses, fairs, carnivals, festivals, religious revivals, political rallies, vehicle shows and displays, and similar recognized temporary activities
6. Shall not include wedding and funeral ceremonies, holiday boutiques, elections, private yard sales, Christmas tree and pumpkin sales lots, and charity car washes.

If you plan to organize a special event in the City of Mesa, please complete the application, site plan and appropriate attachments. Answer each question with as much detail as possible. Return application and related information to:

In person:
Licensing Office
55 N. Center Street
Mesa, AZ 85201

By Mail:
Licensing Office
PO Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211

The application process time can take from 30 to 90 days depending upon the scope of the event. Please be sure you apply early. Our recommendation is to apply prior to doing any advertising for the event.

The fees for a special event are \$100.00 per day with a maximum fee of \$300.00. **These fees are non-refundable.** If an event is going to be for more than 4 days you must obtain a Special Use Permit (see [Attachment E](#) for requirements).

Make sure:

- ✓ Your application is signed and dated
- ✓ You have included the payment with the application
- ✓ You have completed all sections of the application
- ✓ You have all required County and State permits
- ✓ All of the following required documents are submitted with your application:

Yes

N/A

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | IRS 501(C) tax exempt letter (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Certificate of Insurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attachment A – Fire Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attachment B – Liquor Licensing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attachment C – Fireworks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | City of Mesa Pyrotechnics Operators List |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attachment D – Parade Questionnaire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attachment E – Special Use Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attachment F – Streets/Traffic and traffic control/barricade plan. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Attachment G – Entertainment/Vendors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Letter of Approval – approval by property owner for use of the property during the event. |
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Date of Application _____

License Application # _____

Is the proposed event sponsored or co-sponsored by the City of Mesa? (Y/N) _____

If yes, who is the City contact person? _____

Note: If the City is sponsoring or co-sponsoring this event, it is recommended that you coordinate completion of this license application with the appropriate staff member.

EVENT NAME _____

EVENT ADDRESS/LOCATION _____

EVENT DATES _____

EVENT TIMES _____

EVENT DESCRIPTION _____

Applicant/Promoter Information

Name of Applicant/Promoter _____

() () ()
Day Phone Number Fax Number Cell Phone Number

Business Address City State Zip

E-Mail Address Web Address

Please list any professional event organizer, event service provider, or commercial fund-raiser hired by you that is authorized to work on your behalf to plan, produce and/or manage your event.

EVENT ORGANIZER (IF USING A PROFESSIONAL EVENT ORGANIZER, COMPLETE THIS SECTION)

Name Company Name

Address City State Zip

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Day Phone Number Fax Number Cell Phone Number

E-Mail Address Web Address

EVENT INFORMATION

DATE/TIME

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Setup	Day/Date_____	From_____	AM PM	To_____	AM PM
First Day of Event	Day/Date_____	From_____	AM PM	To_____	AM PM
Second Day of Event	Day/Date_____	From_____	AM PM	To_____	AM PM
Third Day of Event	Day/Date_____	From_____	AM PM	To_____	AM PM
Fourth Day of Event	Day/Date_____	From_____	AM PM	To_____	AM PM
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Note: Any more than 4 days may require a Special Use Permit.

ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE

Per day breakdown: First Day # _____ Second Day # _____ Third Day # _____ Fourth Day # _____
Total _____

LOCATION DESCRIPTION

- ☐ Parking Lot ☐ Residential Property ☐ Downtown Overlay District
- ☐ Commercial Property ☐ Public Thoroughfare (street/sidewalk/alley) ☐ Park/Sports Facility
- ☐ School/Church ☐ Vacant Lot
- ☐ Other _____

What type of area is being used: paved, asphalt, rock, etc.? _____

If more than four (4) events have been held at a site outside of the [Downtown Overlay District](#) in a calendar year, a special use permit is required.
(See [Attachment E](#))

EVENT HISTORY

Yes **No**

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Has this event been held in the past? If so, how many years have you been holding this event?

Yes **No**

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Has this event ever been held at another location? If yes, please provide the appropriate references:

Date(s)	Location(s)	Contact Name	Phone Number
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EVENT FEATURES

If events include any of the following, a detailed site plan must be submitted (see site plan instructions).

Yes ☐ No ☐

Right of Way Usage

Will the event require any closures or restrictions of streets, sidewalks, alleys or parking lots?

If yes, [Attachment F](#) and a traffic control plan must be completed and submitted with this application. For information on traffic control plans, call Traffic & Streets at 480-644-2160. If the closure involves private property or a parking lot please submit a [Letter of Approval](#) from the property manager/owner.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Parade

If yes, Attachments [D](#) and [F](#) must be completed and submitted with this application.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Tents/Canopies

If yes, see [Attachment A](#) for detailed information.

NOTE: Tents over 400 sq. ft. (i.e. 20x20) and canopies over 1200 sq. ft. (i.e. 30x40) require permits from the City of Mesa Fire Department. Please refer to attachment A.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Open Flames/Cooking

If yes, see [Attachment A](#) for detailed information.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Temporary Fencing

If Yes, All Fencing Must Be Shown On The Site Plan, indicating entry/exit points, dimensions, type & height, where security will be posted and complete the following information:

Fencing Company _____ Contact _____ Phone _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Yes ☐ No ☐

Electrical Services/Generators

If yes, see [Attachment A](#) for detailed information.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Liquor

If yes, [Attachment B](#) must be completed and submitted with this application.

Proof of additional insurance is required.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Fireworks

If yes, [Attachment C](#) must be completed and submitted with this application.

Proof of additional insurance is required.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Carnival/Rides

Please indicate the number of rides _____

Amusement Company _____ Contact _____ Phone _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Proof of additional insurance is required.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Inflatables/Air Balloons

Entertainment Company _____ Contact _____ Phone _____
Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Proof of additional insurance is required if using City property.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Entertainment

Is there live entertainment, performers or use of a stage?

If yes, [Attachment G](#) must be completed and submitted with this application.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Concessionaires/Vendors

Will there be concessionaires/vendors at the event selling food and/or other goods? _____

If yes, [Attachment G](#) must be completed and submitted with this application.

Additionally, a vendor list, including vendor name, business name, and address must be submitted to licensing.enforcement@mesaaz.gov 2 weeks before and after the event.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Trash & Recycling Services

Do you have a company handling the trash and recycling services for your event?

If "Yes", please provide the following information:

Vendor/Service Provider _____ Contact _____ Phone _____

Company Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

If "No" the City of Mesa's Solid Waste Management Department is able to provide trash and recycling services for your event, please call 480-644-3671 for information.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Portable Restrooms

Per [Maricopa County Health Code](#), Chapter II, Section 6, Regulation 6b:

At any public gathering for any commercial, religious or public event where adequate permanent toilet facilities are not provided on the immediate premises as required by State law, suitable approved sanitary toilet facilities of the water-flushed or chemical type adequate for the estimated attendance, shall be located within two hundred (200) feet of such gathering, with the minimum of 1 per 100 attendance or as required by the Health Officer.

Total number of portable restrooms _____

Number of ADA accessible portable restrooms (10% of total # must be ADA) _____

Company _____ Contact _____ Phone _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

If you are not providing portable restrooms, please explain why _____

For Office Use Only:

PROMOTER STATUS/PROCEEDS/REPORTING

Corporation/Organization Name _____

State of Incorporation

Tax ID # _____

City Sales Tax # _____

Yes **No**

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Is the Promoter a commercial entity?

Yes **No**

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Is the Promoter a bona fide tax exempt, nonprofit entity? If yes, you must attach to this application a copy of your IRS 501(C) tax exemption letter providing proof and certifying your current tax exempt, nonprofit status.

FEES:

Are patron admission fees required?

Yes

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No

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Cost _____

Are vendor fees required?

Yes

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No

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Cost _____

Are participant fees required?

Yes

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No

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Cost _____

If you answered yes to any of the "FEES" questions, a Transaction Privilege Tax License may be required.

SECURITY PLAN

Event security is the responsibility of the applicant. After reviewing the event application, the City may require the use of private security staff and/or off-duty police officers for the event. If off-duty police officers are required, the applicant must provide the following information to include with the application before an event permit will be issued. This service is at the expense of the applicant.

Yes **No**

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Will the event be requesting off-duty Mesa police officers? To schedule off-duty police officers, call 480-644-2092. Officers must be scheduled a minimum of three weeks prior to the event.

Number of police officers to be contracted _____ Police Contact _____

Yes **No**

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Will the event be using private security? If yes, please provide the following:
The City of Mesa only allows security companies that are licensed and bonded in the State of Arizona.

Security Company _____

AZ Dept. of Public Safety Identification Number _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Security Company Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

Number of personnel contracted _____

Describe your security plan including crowd control, venue safety, overnight security, security personnel shifts, etc. or attach the plan to this application _____

CHECKLIST

Before submitting your application, make sure you review the following checklist to ensure your application is complete.

Completed

N/A

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HOLD HARMLESS AND INSURANCE

HOLD HARMLESS

I voluntarily waive, release, discharge, and hold harmless the City of Mesa, its employees, supervisors, appointed officials, agents, representatives and volunteers from all claims for all injuries to event attendee(s) no matter how severe. This waiver does not extend to any such claim or liability that is solely and exclusively by the gross negligence of the City of Mesa or its employees, supervisors, appointed officials, agents, representatives and volunteers.

INSURANCE

You will be notified within (7) seven working days from the date the city received the application if proof of insurance will be required for your Special Event. If proof of insurance is required, your event or activity will not be approved or scheduled until your Certificate(s) of Insurance has been approved by a City of Mesa designee and is on file with the City.

It is suggested that you make the insurance requirement your first priority. You are encouraged to have your Certificate(s) prior to any event promotions.

Certificates of Insurance are required prior to the issuance of the Special Event License. NO EXCEPTIONS.

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules and regulations governing the proposed Special Event under the City of Mesa Municipal Code and I understand that this application is made subject to the rules and regulations established by the City Council and/or the City Manager or the City Manager's designee. Applicant agrees to comply with all other requirements of the City, County, State, Federal Government and any other applicable entity, which may pertain to the use of the Event venue and the conduct of the Event. In the event that a possessory interest subject to property taxation is created by virtue of this use permit, I agree to pay all possessory interest taxes and the City shall not be liable for the payment of such taxes. I further agree that the payment of any such taxes shall not reduce any consideration paid to the City pursuant to this use permit. I agree to abide by these rules, and further certify that I, on behalf of the Promoter, am also authorized to commit that organization, and therefore agree to be financially responsible for any costs and fees that may be incurred by or on behalf of the Event to the City of Mesa.

Print Name of Applicant/Promoter (if applicable)_____

Title_____

Signature_____Date_____

Print Name of Professional Event Organizer (if applicable)_____

Title_____

Signature_____Date_____

SPECIAL EVENT SITE-PLAN
(Site-Plan must be submitted with this application.)

Required information (all that apply to this event): Show proximity to buildings/structures, streets, dimensions, tents/canopies, security stations, fencing including height and type, fire features, inflatables, stage location, and any obstacle course.

Providing all the required information will ensure prompt application processing. The same diagram can be submitted with both the City and State application.

A "bird's eye view" may replace the Special Event Site-Plan. Please include all the above required information. Visit the following link for an example <http://goo.gl/maps/J78rb>



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Date: _____

Property Manager or Owner Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Special Event Name and Location: _____

Requested Closure Date(s) and Time: _____

As property manager/owner for the commercial property address listed above, I acknowledge I have been informed by the promoter of the Special Event that a request to close off the area during the special event has been submitted to the City of Mesa. Possible conflicts or impacts on the surrounding businesses have been addressed.

Signature of Property Manager/Owner